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FORMER LA TUNA FEDERAL PRISON EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY, PROVIDING CONTRABAND TO PRISONERS AND DRUG POSSESSION

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal grand jury has indicted 41-year-old Kevin David Brown of Las Cruces, NM, for bribery, providing contraband to a prisoner and possession of cocaine.

The indictment alleges that from January 1, 2002, through August 21, 2003, the former prison foreman agreed to smuggle contraband into the prison facility and give it to an inmate in return for two ounces of cocaine. The contraband in question included creatine, protein powder, pills, socks, tennis shoes and shorts.

If convicted of the charges, Brown faces up to 16 and a half years in federal prison. This case is being investigated by the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Donna Miller is prosecuting the case for the government.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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